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NORTH LOUISIANA MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS ON COUNTERFEIT AND FRAUD CHARGES

*Judge cites defendant's lengthy criminal history dating back to 1979
as part of the reason to impose lengthy federal sentence*

Shreveport, Louisiana . . . OLAN WAYNE BRANTLEY, aka "Lying Wayne," age 50, of Marion, Louisiana, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Donald E. Walter to spend **15 years in federal prison**, United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced.

BRANTLEY pleaded guilty in April to one count of knowingly uttering and possessing counterfeited securities of First National Bank in Ruston, Louisiana and one count of making a false statement to Community Trust Bank in Farmerville, Louisiana for the purpose of obtaining a car loan. Evidence in this case revealed that BRANTLEY's scheme also involved Cross Keys Bank in Monroe, Louisiana and Timberland Bank in El Dorado, Arkansas.

BRANTLEY used various false statements to open bank accounts which he would never fund. In one instance, BRANTLEY opened an account over the telephone with a bank claiming that his wife was killed in the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center, and that he wanted to wire his \$3

million dollar judgment to a new bank account. BRANTLEY then counterfeited checks using the correct routing numbers from these banks, but with account numbers to accounts that were never opened and under the names of bogus payors. In total, BRANTLEY passed approximately \$64,467.43 in counterfeit checks within a seven month period, from August 2006 to January 2007, in stores across the country from Arizona to North Carolina.

BRANTLEY's criminal activities began in 1979 and all involve worthless checks, counterfeit checks or other financial schemes. BRANTLEY has at least four outstanding warrants in four different jurisdictions.

Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

This case was investigated by the United States Secret Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Monroe Resident Agency, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Allison D. Bushnell.

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